

Green Oak Charter Township Newsletter

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Our New Mission Statement

"Enhance the quality of life by promoting a secure, welcoming and diverse community that is both respectful of our historical, rural heritage and responsive to current and future needs through honest, open and proactive involvement of all, creating an enduring sense of community."

Supervisor's News

Road Information Update

Construction Information

We are now entering that phase where upcoming projects require much more engineering and design work.

Silver Lake Road, Silverside east to Rushton Road: Tree removal will start October 1, 2018 with realignment and construction during the 2019 Construction season. Silver lake Road will be completed by December 1, 2019.

Dixboro Rd. from 8 Mile Rd. to 9 Mile: Dixboro Road from 9 Mile to 8 Mile is scheduled for paving in 2019 through a Federal Aid distribution of 1.6 million dollars. The remainder of the 2 million for this project will be split through a working agreement with the City of South Lyon, Lyon Township, Oakland County Road Commission, and Green Oak Charter Township.

Please watch your speed on Rushton and Fieldcrest. There are residents that have private drives and live in subdivisions along these roads and we want them safe.

Lee Road Roundabouts - Reconstruction of the roundabout at the intersection of Lee and Whitmore Lake roads in Green Oak Township is set to begin June 25 and last until August. The roundabout will be reduced from 3 lanes to 2 which should reduce confusion and crashes. The roadwork will close the roundabout in most directions for two weeks beginning July 5.

Upcoming Events

July 4

Fourth of July-Township Offices Closed

July 28

Household Hazardous Waste Collection in Green Oak

Call 517-545-9609 for a required appointment or additional information.

August 7

Primary Election Day

August 18

Livingston County Tire Collection Day for residents (no businesses).

Reservation Required through Drain Commission. Call 517-546-0040 or email solidwaste@livgov.com for questions.

September 3

Labor Day-Township Offices Closed

September 14

Summer Taxes Due

September 15

Green Oak Day

October 8

Columbus Day-Township Offices Closed

November 6

General Election Day

November 12

Veterans Day-Township Offices Closed

November 22 and 23

Thanksgiving-Township Offices Closed



Police Blog

If you have been driving near Whitmore Lake and Silver Lake Road, there is a lot of building going on. It's the new police building. We are excited and proud that this project is underway. The Township is targeting late Fall of 2018 to complete the building.



VACATION TIPS

Whether you are leaving town for a day at the beach, or a week-long vacation, it's important to keep your homes secure and protected. Here are several tips from the Green Oak Charter Township Police Department to keep this summer safe for you and your family.

SUMMER TIME TIPS:

- Do not leave children or animals alone in the car: the temperature inside the vehicle can reach deadly levels quickly.
- Expect to encounter roadwork, delays and detours. Check your route before traveling.
- When traveling, vacationing or leaving home, remember to lock the windows and doors.
- Pay attention to children around bodies of water, including pools and buckets, to ensure their safety and prevent drowning. Wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) near water.
- Keep a lookout for other suspicious activity at your neighbor's homes and contact police if something does not look right.

Livingston County Emergency Alert System – SIGN UP TODAY!!! Visit: <https://www.livgov.com/emergencymanagement>

Livingston County has launched a new public notification system that allows us to alert you in times of emergency. You must opt-in by entering your contact information, your location, other pertinent information and what events you wish to receive alerts for. (Local Traffic Concerns and Emergency Road Closures etc.)

How It Works

When we issue an alert about a potential safety hazard or emergency, you will receive a message on the voice or text communication methods that you have chosen. When you confirm that you have received the alert you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that alert. If you do not confirm receipt of the alert, the system will continue to attempt to contact you using all the contact methods that you have provided.

Sign up for Alerts

All Livingston County landlines are automatically enrolled in the Citizens Alerting System and require no further action. However, if you would like to receive additional notifications on your cell phone or through email, you will need to create an online profile. To create an online profile, visit the Livingston County Emergency Management web page. At the top of the page, click "SIGN-UP TODAY." Then, follow the onscreen instructions to complete the registration process. **All information you provide will be kept strictly confidential.**

Stop Receiving Alerts

You can stop receiving alerts at any time by removing your contact information from your profile.

CONTACTING EMERGENCY SERVICES: Livingston County Central Dispatch has changed its 9-1-1 protocol and established the availability of a non-emergency phone line. Here are the numbers you need to know:

Emergencies and to report crimes in progress	9-1-1
All medical issues	9-1-1
Non-emergencies	517-546-9111
Green Oak Police Business Line	810-231-9626
Green Oak Fire Department Business Line	810-231-3663

Fire News



A BURN PERMIT IS REQUIRED PRIOR TO BURNING ANY YARD WASTE. PERMIT FEE = NO CHARGE. To apply for a burn permit please visit the Green Oak Charter Township Fire Department at 9384 Whitmore Lake Rd. Brighton, MI 48116 between 9am and 5pm to schedule an inspection. The township ordinance requires all residents who wish to burn safely during daylight hours of leaves, grass and brush must obtain a permit prior to burning. This permit is for yard debris only, land clearing, building materials and garbage is prohibited! This inspection is also necessary for night time campfires.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

With the recent changes in Michigan law many types of fireworks that were previously banned are now legal. Just because they are legal, however, does not mean they are particularly safe. The Fire Department responds to fireworks related injuries most years and while avoiding fireworks is the safest bet, if you are going to use fireworks please keep the following ideas in mind.

- Fireworks that don't go off still might go off. Many fireworks injuries involve people handling "dud" fireworks that did not go off, particularly those that were supposed to launch into the sky. Just because the firework did not light off as expected, don't assume the firework is not dangerous. Keep it pointed in a safe direction for at least several minutes, then douse it with water, making sure you are not standing in its line of fire.
- Know where your fireworks are pointed and what lies downrange and downwind from that point. Fireworks landing unexpectedly can and have set houses and other structures on fire.
- Children should not be entrusted to light fireworks and should be carefully supervised at all times around fireworks.
- Alcohol and fireworks are a dangerous mix. Using fireworks requires clear-headed judgment and attention to safety at all times.

Treasurer's Department News

2018 Summer Taxes are due on September 14, 2018 before 5:00 p.m. After that date, interest accumulates at 1% per month. We do not take postmarks.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not waive interest, penalties, or administration fees. The legal responsibility of paying taxes on the correct parcel of property rests with the taxpayer. The Treasurer will not be responsible for payment on wrong parcel descriptions.

Currently, bills paid through your on-line banking system may take up to 15 to 20 business days to be received since they are processed by a third-party vendor. We implemented a new system called e-lockbox. It will allow the bank to capture any tax or utility payments made through your on-line banking without sending the electronic check through a third party. Please be sure to put the account number in the memo section just as it appears on the tax or utility bill (including dashes).

Cash and Check Information: **1) Cash** It is not always possible to break large bills, as the office keeps minimal change on hand for security reasons. If possible, please pay with some smaller denomination bills when possible; **2) Checks** Make checks payable to "Green Oak Charter Township" and include your current telephone number and parcel number of the property (i.e. 4716-xx-xxx-xxx); **3) Deposit Drop Box** For your convenience, the Township has a drop box located in front of the Township Hall main entrance. Please use only checks or money orders when using the drop box. **Any payments made after 5:00 p.m. will be applied on the next business day;** and **4) Partial Payments** the Treasurer takes partial payments for taxes. Any amount not paid by the due date will go delinquent and does incur penalties and interest.

Utility Bills: The Treasurer's office handles all sewer utility billing and water utility meter reading and billing for the Livingston Community Water Authority (LCWA). All utility services are billed in arrears on a quarterly basis. If you are moving in or out of your residence, please call the township for a final bill and mailing address information.

Dog Licenses – a 1 year spay/neuter license is now \$10, a 3 year spay/neuter license is \$25, and replacement licenses is \$5. All licenses are based on the expiration date of the rabies shot. We have the new 2017 tags available. We are always happy to see you and your dog. Coming Soon - The County will be introducing a new live web-based license system. We will still be taking license information through the Township, but the information will be in the system both at the County and through the Township immediately. This is important if your dog gets lost.

Clerk's Information

Remember to vote on the August 7 Primary/Gubernatorial Election. On June 29, 2018 there will be a Public Ballet Testing for the August 7 Election. Absentee ballots will be sent out the first week in July.

Passport Information

You may apply for a new passport or passport card at the Clerk's office from 9-4 daily at the Clerk's department. To apply you will need photo ID, a birth certificate with original seal, and a passport photo. Application forms are available at the office for new and renewal passports. Allow 4 to 6 weeks to receive your passport with regular processing, or 2 to 3 weeks if you pay extra fees to expedite processing. Per Federal Government regulations, passport fees can only be paid by **check or money order. Cash is not accepted.**

The passport fee for anyone over the age of 16 is \$145.00 and is good for ten years. For children under the age of 16, the passport fee is \$115.00.

Notary services are available for free to residents during regular township business hours.

BECOME A PAID ELECTION WORKER

Please contact the Clerk's office if you would like to be a member of the election inspector team that staffs the polls at elections. You must be a registered voter in Michigan, be at least 18 years old, attend training sessions, be proficient with the use of laptop computers, and people oriented. Polling Location Assistants Must Be at Least 16 years old. Position descriptions and Information are available at the Green Oak Charter Township Clerk's Office. If you have served as an election inspector before, you may have to retake training classes if your certification has expired.

Absentee Ballots will be mailed out sometime in the first week of July.

News from your Ordinance Officer

Friendly Reminders from the Ordinance Department:

- 1) **High grass/weeds;** All grass/weeds in residentially zoned areas must be maintained below 6" at all times. One warning will be issued, then property owners will be subject to civil infraction citations and fines/or court, and the Township will mow and bill owner.
- 2) **Yard Sale/Temporary Signs;** Signs are prohibited in any road right-of-way (typically 15 feet from edge of the road) within the Township. This includes any intersection. If signs are placed in these areas, they will be promptly removed by Township staff. Signs that are removed are subject to a civil infraction citations/or court action.
- 3) **Garage sale signs** can be placed pointing into the neighborhood where the sale is taking place. Only one (1) sale is permitted every 6 months. (2 total per calendar year.)
- 4) **Be a Good Neighbor;** Please keep your property free of blight and refuse. Maintaining yards free of these items helps protect us from rodents and other hazards and promotes aesthetic value within our Community.
- 5) **Swimming Pools:** Any pool over 24 inches high, requires a Building Permit and a perimeter fence.
- 6) **Dogs:** Make sure your dog is licensed. See information in "Treasurer Department News" or on our website. Per Township ordinance, all dogs must be leashed when not on owner's property.

For more information, please visit our Green Oak Charter Township website, or call (810) 231-1333 x107